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1 [LA-32 Neighborhood Council Meeting - Wednesday, December 3](#)

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Please join us for the monthly meeting of the LA-32 Neighborhood Council tomorrow evening, Wednesday, December 4, 2014, at 6:00pm. We value your participation and hope that you will have a presence at the meeting. If you would like to make a presentation, please let us know so we can accommodate you in an upcoming meeting agenda.

We are meeting at El Sereno Senior Citizen's Center, 4818 Klamath Place, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Click here for the meeting agenda.

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Media Photo Opp 745 Museum Dr; MAP <https://goo.gl/maps/AiKna>; FS 44; #MtWashington; Solo unoccupied vehicle hanging precariously from narrow road; NFD (No Further Details); Ch:7,1 @ 3:53 PM -Brian Humphrey####

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A street tree crashed down on a minivan parked on Eagle Rock Boulevard in Eagle Rock | Matt Hartman

Today's record rainfall was accompanied by the usual sights: slippery streets, overturned cars, falling trees and water churning through the normally placid L.A. River and Arroyo Seco. The U.S. Weather Service, in a late afternoon report, said today's storm had dropped 1.15 inches of rain in Downtown, breaking the old rainfall record for this date set in 1961, when 1.10 inches of rain fell.

Gray Day in Silver Lake | Dan Gershon

Not A Short Cut: This cabby was apparently trying to get home and almost went off a muddy road in Mount Washington | Matt Hartman

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By THE WEALTH & POVERTY DESK

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I. "Gentrifiers!"

Moving into the neighborhood bureau

The word was written as clear as day in sunny yellow paint. The message was a little murkier.

That word was painted on the door of Marketplace's storefront in a historic Los Angeles neighborhood called Highland Park. Since August, the space has been occupied by four reporters and producers who work for the show's Wealth & Poverty Desk. The little storefront is just a few miles from Marketplace's studios in downtown Los Angeles, but the bureau was opened to take on a very special assignment: getting a street's eye view of gentrification in progress. You see, Highland Park is changing, and fast.

See more before and after images on marketplace.org

York Boulevard – one of two major commercial corridors in this neighborhood – has been something like ground zero for gentrification in Highland Park. The empty storefronts and 99 cent stores are being replaced by vegan donut shops and yoga studios. And more of the same is happening on Figueroa Street, the other high-traffic zone of Highland Park. Fig is where our bureau is. Although, our block hasn't really tipped yet; it's not fancy. Our neighbors – a tattoo shop, a pet groomer, an appliance store, a hair salon – are all long-time residents. Whoever tagged us with the word "Gentrifiers!" breezed right by the windows and doors of those businesses before sidling up to ours and whipping out a paintbrush. What's going on in Highland Park is illustrative of the kinds of demographic and economic changes happening in cities nationwide. People tend to have "this obsessive focus on who is moving in and who is moving out," says Elvin Wyly, a geographer at the University of British Columbia. "It becomes a question of who are the gentrifiers? Are they nice people? Do they have good intentions? And that's not what matters. Gentrifiers can be nice or not nice. That's less important than the process."

As a process, gentrification is driven by deeper forces – structural changes in our economy, trends like the widening gap between people who have access to money and people who don't. When a place gentrifies, these markers of inequality are visible on the landscapes of older, poorer parts of a city that attract big pots of investment money. The pursuit of profit also drives gentrification. And, Wyly adds, cheap real estate with lots of potential attracts “something newer and more upscale at that location. Fortunes can be made.”

Let's take a look at how some residents of Highland Park see their community being transformed.

The Reyna family has deep roots in Highland Park Credit: Rafael Cardenas

The Reyna family has deep roots in Highland Park

(Photo credit: Rafael Cardenas)

Vidal Reyna is a waiter at El Arco Iris, one of Highland Park's oldest Mexican restaurants, owned by his wife's family. He grew up here. He says the moment he understood that his neighborhood was becoming a different place happened on a drive with his father. Reyna recalls, “He turns around and tells me in Spanish, ‘Hay muchos gueros mal vestidos por aqui.’” Loosely translated, that means “around here, there are a lot of badly dressed white people.” Reyna has also taken note of the crackdown on gang activity by local law enforcement and property values going up – something that benefits his family's small real estate portfolio.

Marilyn Miller remembers Highland Park before high-end stores moved in.

For more voices from the neighborhood, visit: the YouTube collection

Marilyn Miller moved to Highland Park in the 1990s when it was “affordable.” She says, “Now that we're the hottest little neighborhood and all these developers and buyers and people are coming in, it's changing,” she says. “When we moved in, it was predominately Spanish-speaking.” Miller describes the older businesses of Highland Park as being “very utilitarian,” the perfect complements to “a common sense, working people's neighborhood.” She adds, “ Now, like along York, we're getting these businesses. Now we have health clubs and now we have coffee shops and now we have outdoor dining and now we have vintage clothing. That kind of stuff is coming.”

Jackie Martinez grew up in Highland Park and her parents still live here. When she tried to buy the house across the street from theirs, she was quickly outbid by a real estate investor with cash in-hand. “People around here, growing up, can't do that,” she laments about the competition for housing in her neighborhood.

Miguel Olivares says, “It just looks different, even the dogs being walked down the street or the poop being left by the dogs being walked down the street. Poodle poop is definitely different than Chihuahua poop.”

Marina Bellizzi says it was once considered shameful to be from Highland Park.

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Marina Bellizzi grew up in Highland Park. She graduated from Franklin, one of the local high schools, then moved just a few miles away to attend Occidental College in neighboring Eagle Rock. In the few short years between high school and college, her perspective of the neighborhood changed. “When I was younger, going to Franklin High School was something to be embarrassed of. We had ugly cheerleaders, we had pregnant teenagers, we had unsuccessful teachers. So, there was a lot of shame that was thrown at going to my high school or even just living in this area. Even young people from it would make fun of it. There wasn’t a lot of pride, I guess I would say,” Bellizzi says. “Now I see it differently, like the neighborhood’s changing and it’s being perceived as this positive place but for me to readjust what my preconceived notions were would be difficult.”

Restaurateur Erika Daking offers vegan-friendly meals on her menu at Kitchen Mouse in Highland Park (Photo Credit: Rafael Cardenas)

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In addition to investors and new kinds of residents, dozens of new businesses have moved into Highland Park. One, on Figueroa Street, is a vegan-friendly brunch and bakery spot called Kitchen Mouse. The restaurant’s giant windows, glossy white subway tiles and exposed brick are a far cry from the décor of the previous tenant in this space: a quick cash loan place that specialized in car title loans. Erika Daking is the owner of Kitchen Mouse and she worries some about how she will be perceived in the neighborhood. While noticing that another new business nearby had been tagged with the phrase “bad for the community,” she thought, “Are we going to get that kind of reaction? And you understand and at the same time it makes you feel so unwelcome.”

Renters versus Owners

We did not come to Highland Park to gentrify it. We came to document the changes taking place here as a result of more wealth moving into the neighborhood. But, as outsiders embedding ourselves in a community – is it possible to do one without the other? The person who painted our door likely thinks not, but we don’t have the answer. We are definitely now on record as a part of the change happening here, but neighborhoods are almost always changing. People move in, people move out. Areas get safer, houses deteriorate. So if communities are always in some state of flux, why are some changes easier to see or more controversial than others?

When people talk to us about gentrification, we hear about coffee shops, flipped houses, paved streets, bike lanes, more dogs, new parks, higher prices, hipsters. Those are very visible elements of change. It’s the invisible elements – unseen economic forces that urge a community into transition – that also interest Marketplace. We’re here to uncover those and place them under a microscope to better understand why it’s become unaffordable for so many of us to live where we do.

More than 62,000 people live in the four-square-mile zip code area that encompasses Highland Park. The median household income is around \$50,000, and 17 percent of its residents live below the poverty line.

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5 **LA – 32 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Regular Meeting of the General**

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LA – 32 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the General Board

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 - 6PM – 9PM

El Sereno Senior Citizen's Center

4818 Klamath Place, Los Angeles, CA 90032

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

The agenda's for the Board' meetings are posted for public review at the following locations: El Sereno Library, 5226 Huntington Drive So., LA, CA 90032; El Sereno Senior Citizens Center, 4818 Klamath Place, LA, CA 90032; El Sereno Recreation Center, 4721 Klamath St., LA, CA 90032; Rose Hills Recreation Center, 4530 Mercury Avenue, LA, CA 90032; and on the bulletin board located on Eastern Ave and Landsdowne, LA, CA 90032.

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1. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call and President's Message

2. General Public Comment- The public may provide comments to the board on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, the board is prevented from acting on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting.

(Limited to 2 minutes per speaker – 30 minutes total. Any public comments not reached due to time constraint may be submitted in writing to the Board.)

3. Discussion and possible action – approval of the minutes for the General Meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 (tabled), Special Meeting of the General Board held on Monday, August 18, 2014 (previously tabled) and Special Meeting of the General Board held on Monday November 10, 2014.

4. Treasurer's Report regarding LA 32 finances. Discussion and possible action – approval of the LA 32 NC Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2014 (Attachment A1-A3).

5. Speaker Series – Update from Metro on 710 Freeway – 15 minutes total – 8 minute presentation with

7 minutes questions / answers from stakeholders.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the following LA 32 Bylaws amendments:

A. "That the LA32NC reduce the General Board from 21 members to 15 members."

B. "That the LA32NC reduce the number of each regions from 4 members to 3 members and reduce the At Large Directors from 4 members to 2 members."

The above two proposed amendments are in reference to Article V, Governing Board Section 1:

Composition, which currently reads as: The Board shall consist of twenty-one (21) Stakeholders elected, selected or appointed by the Board and/or Stakeholders. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

A. Sixteen (16) members to be elected by four (4) Regions, and the remaining five (5) to be elected At-Large.

1. North Region-Four (4) Positions for ANY Stakeholder (who is at least 18 years of age and who lives, works or owns property) that is located or serves this region.

2. South Region-Four (4) Positions for ANY Stakeholder (who is at least 18 years of age and who lives, works or owns property) that is located or serves this region.

3. East Region-Four (4) Positions for ANY Stakeholder (who is at least 18 years of age and who lives, works or owns property) that is located or serves this region.

4. West Region-Four (4) Positions for ANY Stakeholder (who is at least 18 years of age and who lives, works or owns property) that is located or serves this region.

5. At Large-Four (4) Positions for ANY Stakeholder (who is at least 18 years of age and who lives, works or owns property) that serves the LA-32 NC area.

6. Community Interest At Large – One (1) Position for ANY Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations.

C. Each "That the LA32NC quorum be defined as the simple majority of the group: 2 for Committees and 8 for General Board."

The above proposed amendment is in reference to Article V, Governing Board Section 2: Quorum, which currently reads as: The quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of the given group—two (2) for committee meetings, three (3) for Executive Committee meetings, and eleven (11) for General Meetings. Any official vote can be taken only when a quorum exists. Floating quorums are not allowed.

(All motions made by Bylaws Committee on 9/22/14 and posting period commenced on 9/28/14).

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Motion "That the LA32NC does not support the development located at 5639 E. Huntington Drive North and recommends LA32 prepares a Community Impact Statement on the historical value of the location."

8. Discussion and possible action on using a new vendor for website maintenance.

9. Status / update of LA City and LA County development of the Biomedical corridor (along Valley Blvd) which is now being proposed by Councilmember Huizar – Council file 14-1278. (requested by stakeholder)

10. Creation of Adhoc Committee to conduct research and make recommendations to the Bylaws Committee and to create Standing Rules (submitted by member of Executive Committee).

11. Discussion and Possible Action identifying the 12 streets in need of repair. The Bureau of Street Services has asked the LA 32 NC to identify streets that are in need of repair. These streets will be part of a scheduled for small asphalt repairs. (No longer applicable)

12. Discussion and possible action – Motion "that the LA32NC extend the deadline for NPG applications

to 11/17/14.” (Motion approved on 10/20/14 by Budget and Finance Committee 2-0-0). (Budget and Finance is withdrawing the motion)

13. Discussion and possible action – Motion “LA32NC to send a letter to Councilman Huizar to provide the NC with his office surveillance policies, reporting process, camera locations and if any signs have been posted to notify the public within LA32 of the surveillance cameras.” (Motion approved on 11/1/14 by Public Safety Committee 3-0-0).

14. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32NC to send a letter to County Supervisor Gloria Molina, who oversees the Public Health Department and request her input/ impact if any Health factors regarding City Council Motion #13-14193, 13-0980 and 08-001183.” (The original motion was presented by Councilman Huizar to legalize street vending). Motion approved on 11/1/14 by Public Safety Committee 3-0-0)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the findings for Ms. Roxy Melgar who has missed the following meetings: October 1, 2014 and September 3, 2014. No board action is required for these absences per the LA 32 NC bylaws. The LA 32 NC will follow the following Article V, Section 7 of LA32 NC bylaws:

Any Director who misses two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled General Meetings or, optionally, three (3) total Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically removed from the Board. Each Director’s absence shall be recorded in the LA-32 NC meeting minutes or other manner of LA-32 NC record keeping, and that, upon missing the required number of Board meetings for removal, the LA-32 NC Presiding Officer shall notify the Board Director and provide notice to that Director that their seat has been declared vacant. Expulsion from the Board shall not affect the Stakeholders LA-32 NC member status.

16. Discussion and possible action – resignation and replacement of Victor Ayala as Chair from Public Safety Committee, resignation and replacement of Raymond Diaz from Executive Board and Chair of Bylaw Committee.

17. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32 NC approve the purchase of business cards for the new board members – Yolie Garcia, Luisana Valdez and Cecelia Villareal (Attachment B). (Motion approved by Budget and Finance Committee 11/15/14 2-0-0).

18. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32N approve the purchase of a memory card for the LA32NC digital cameral for an amount not to exceed \$45.00 (see attachment C).” (Motion approved by Budget and Finance Committee 11/15/14 2-0-0)

19. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32NC participate on December 13, 2014 with CD14 for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree to include use of the LA32 Canopy, Directors chairs, table and supplies needed for a snowflake booth.” Snowflakes will be made with items LA32NC already has in storage.” (Motion submitted by Membership / Outreach Committee 2-0-0).

20. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32NC help participate on December 19, 2014, from 6-8pm to help set up for the December 20th event with El Sereno Park and Recreation for a breakfast with Santa. This will include helping set up, running a booth, registration, Santa booth and on December 20th from 7-11am to volunteer in activity booth, registration booth or serving in kitchen.” (Motion submitted by Membership and Outreach Committee 2-0-0).

21. Discussion and possible action – Motion “That the LA32NC approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to address the following concerns:

- ☐ Audit of all equipment in LA32NC storage including labeling, tagging and creating an inventory list.
- ☐ Audit wishlist and reconcile with DONE any items that have yet to be received.
- ☐ Audit prior inventory list submitted by Anthony Manzano and identify missing equipment for prior board to determine whether any action is needed.

☐ Report back to General Board with findings..

*Please note that in order to be able to vote on any of these items, Board members are required to have taken the Ethics and Funding Trainings.

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6 **Occidental students confront a reality of political campaigns: defea**

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Occidental junior Hannah Kaminsky campaigned for Mark Udall, a Democratic senator from Colorado, who lost in the midterm elections. "It was devastating" when he lost, she said. (Lawrence K. Ho / Los Angeles Times)

By JASON SONG

For a semester, Occidental students spent 12-hour days campaigning for candidates -- and lost. Occidental College students worked for credit on various political campaigns and got a dose of reality. The midterm elections were over. The 11 campaign workers from Occidental College returned to class. But first, they heard from a school reverend.

"You win some, you lose some," Susan Young told the group. It's perfectly OK, she said, to have trouble readjusting to college life or to feel out of place.

In what is believed to be the only college program of its kind, the undergraduates in the Campaign Semester course spent at least 2 1/2 months, often seven days a week, 12 hours a day, working on behalf of candidates in contested states.

None won.

I don't think our representative government is broken, but I do think it's become less democratic and it's difficult to get good people in office.

- Joshua Wodka, senior who worked for North Carolina Sen. Kay Hagan

Many were resoundingly defeated, although two students worked for the reelection campaign of Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, who is in a runoff. All of the students worked for Democratic candidates; Republicans swept the mid-terms and took control of the House and Senate.

The results were the first for Occidental's biannual program, in which students spend the beginning of a semester working in the field and then return to campus, studying campaign tactics and political theory, discussing their experiences and the results of the election.

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